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The TATLER.

By *Isaac Bickerstaff* Esq;

——*Soles & aperta Serena*
Prospicere, & certis poteris cognoscere Signis. Virg.

From *Saturday August* 19. to *Tuesday August* 22. 1710.

From my own Apartment, August 21.

IN every Party there are Two Sorts of Men, the *Rigid* and the *Supple:* The Rigid are an intractable Race of Mortals, who act upon Principle, and will not, forsooth, fall into any Measures that are not consistent with their received Notions of Honour. These are Persons of a stubborn, unpliant Morality, that sullenly adhere to their Friends when they are disgraced, and to their Principles, though they are exploded. I shall therefore give up this stiff-necked Generation to their own Obstinacy, and turn my Thoughts to the Advantage of the Supple, who pay their Homage to Places, and not Persons; and without enslaving themselves to any particular Scheme of Opinions, are as ready to change their Conduct in Point of Sentiment, as of Fashion. The well disciplined Part of a Court are generally so perfect at their Exercise, that you may see a whole Assembly from Front to Rear face about at once to a new Man of Power, though at the same Time they turn their Backs upon him that brought them thither. The great Hardship these complaisant Members of Society are under, seems to be the Want of Warning upon any approaching Change or Revolution; so that they are obliged in an Hurry to tack about with every Wind, and stop short in the Midst of a full Career, to the great Surprize and Derision of their Beholders.

When a Man foresees a decaying Ministry, he has Leisure to grow a Malecontent, reflect upon the present Conduct, and by gradual Murmurs fall off from his Friends into a new Party by just Steps and Measures. For Want of such Notices, I have formerly known a very well-bred Person refuse to return a Bow of a Man whom he thought in Disgrace, that was next Day made Secretary of State; and another, who after a long Neglect of a Minister, came to his Levee, and made Professions of Zeal for his Service the very Day before he was turned out.

This produces also unavoidable Confusions and Mistakes in the Descriptions of great Men's Parts and Merits. That ancient Lyrick, Mr. *D'Urfey*, some Years ago writ a Dedication to a certain Lord, in which he celebrated him for the greatest Poet and Critick of that Age, upon a Misinformation in *Dyer*'s Letter that his noble Patron was made Lord Chamberlain. In short, innumerable Votes, Speeches and Sermons, have been thrown away and turned to no Account, meerly for Want of due and timely Intelligence: Nay, it has been known, that a Panegyrick has been half printed off, when the Poet, upon the Removal of the Minister, has been forced to alter it into a Satyr.

For the Conduct therefore of such useful Persons as are ready to do their Country Service upon all Occasions, I have an Engine in my Study, which is a Sort of a Political Barometer, or, to speak more intelligibly, a State *Weather-Glass*, that, by the rising and falling of a certain Magical Liquor, presages all Changes and Revolutions in Government, as the common Glass does those of the Weather. This Weather-Glass is said to have been invented by *Cardan*, and given by him as a Present to his great Countryman and Contemporary *Machiavil*, which (by the Way) may serve to rectify a receiv'd Error in Chronology, that places one of these some Years after the other. How or when it came into my Hands, I shall desire to be excused if I keep to my self; but so it is, that I have walked by it for the better Part of a Century, to my Safety, at least, if not to my Advantage; and have among my Papers a Register of all the Changes that have happened in it from the Middle of Queen *Elizabeth*'s Reign.

In the Time of that Princess, it stood long at *settled Fair*. At the latter End of King *James* the First, it fell to *Cloudy*. It held several Years after at *Stormy:* Insomuch that at last, despairing of seeing any *Clear* Weather at Home, I followed the Royal Exile; and some Time after, finding my Glass rise, returned to my native Country with the rest of the Loyalists. I was then in Hopes to pass the remainder of my Days in *settled Fair:* But alas! during the greatest Part of that Reign, the *English* Nation lay in a *dead Calm*, which, as it is usual, was followed by high Winds and

and Tempests till of late Years: In which, with unspeakable Joy and Satisfaction, I have seen our political Weather return to *settled Fair*. I must only observe, that for all this last Summer, my Glass has pointed at Changeable. Upon the whole, I often apply to Fortune *Æneas*'s Speech to the Sybil:

------ *Non ulla Laborum,*
O Virgo, nova mî Facies inopinave surgit
Omnia præcepi, atq; Animo mecum ante peregi.

The Advantages which have accrued to those whom I have advised in their Affairs by Vertue of this Sort of Prescience, have been very considerable. A Nephew of mine, who has never put his Money into the Stocks, or taken it out, without my Advice, has in a few Years raised Five hundred Pounds to almost so many Thousands. As for my self, who look upon Riches to consist rather in Content than Possessions, and measure the Greatness of the Mind rather by its Tranquility than its Ambition; I have seldom used my Glass to make my Way in the World, but often to retire from it. This is a By-Path to Happiness, which was first discover'd to me by a most pleasing Apothegme of *Pythagoras: When the Winds rise*, (says he) *worship the Eccho*. That great Philosopher (whether to make his Doctrines the more venerable, or to guild Precepts with the Beauty of Imagination, or to awaken the Curiosity of his Disciples, for I will not suppose what is usually said, that he did it to conceal his Wisdom from the Vulgar) has couched several admirable Precepts in remote Allusions and mysterious Sentences. By the Winds in this Apothegme, are meant State-Hurricanes and Popular Tumults. When these rise, (says he) worship the Eccho; that is, withdraw your self from the Multitude into Deserts, Woods, Solitudes, or the like Retirements, which are the usual Habitations of the Eccho.

Advertisements.

MOrning-Gowns for Men and Women, of Silk, Stuffs, and Callicoes (being the Goods of Persons that failed) which were to be disposed of at the Olive-Tree and Still, are now to be sold at the Gilden Sugar-Loaf up one Pair of Stairs, over-against the Horse at Charing-Cross; with a fresh Parcel at very low Rates, the Price being set on each Gown.

*** Notice is given, That the Atlas Geographus, or compleat System of Geography, containing all Europe, (except Great Britain and Ireland) will be finished in about Two Months, to be bound up in Two equal Volumes; in which are about 70 new Maps, Tables, and Cuts. Several Months are reprinted, to make perfect Sets, which may be now had, or any single Month to compleat Sets. Subscribers are desired to send in their Names. Printed by J. Nutt in the Savoy, and sold by J. Morphew near Stationers-Hall; to whom any Person may send Accounts, paying Postage, of Counties, Cities, Towns, &c. in Great Britain and Ireland, now preparing for the Press, with near 100 new Maps. Note, Bibliotheca Anatomica, Medica, & Chirurgica, with above 100 large Cuts, 9 Months of which are published, may be had at the same Place, for 12 s. each.

MR. Cox's Sale of the House, Numb. 23. in Glocester-street near Red-Lion Square, and Plate, &c. will begin to be drawn on Thursday the 31st Instant, by which the fortunate One will be entitl'd to a Quarter's Rent, which becomes due on Michaelmas-Day next. There being some Tickets yet to be disposed of, they may be had at 2 s. 6 d. each at Mr. Lillie's, Perfumer, the Corner of Beauford-Buildings in the Strand, Mr. Farrar's, Goldsmith, in Russel-street, Covent-Garden; Mr. Measure's, Milliner, near Serjeants-Inn in Fleetstreet; Mr. Halsey's, Ironmonger, in Wood-street, Cheapside; Mr. Ley's, Goldsmith, near the Pump at Aldgate; Mr. Wygat's, Silver-Smith, in Hemlock-Court; Rice's Coffee-house in the Hay-Market; Mr. Andrew's, Glover, in Charles-Court in the Strand; and at the House, Numb. 23. in Glocester-street aforesaid.

BRandies to sell, at the Golden Anchor in Walbrook, the best old French Coigniac at 12 s. per Gallon, Bourdeaux at 11, Spanish for 6 and 7 s. by no less Quantity than a Gallon. There's likewise a small Parcel of Irish Usquebaugh of the best Sort, which will be sold reasonably, either in Part or Whole. There's constant Attendance given.

TO be Lett, a new Brick House, with Sash Front, and Two Rooms on a Floor, with a Yard backwards, in Tower-street, convenient for any Retail Trade, being near Bear-Key and the Custom-House. Enquire of Mr. Sam. Walter near St. Dunstan's-hill in Thames-street.

TWenty Freehold Tenements to be sold, lying in Wapping, and a Brew-house and Dwelling-house, with all Brewing Utensils, in a good Place for Trade, in Pennington-street near Ratcliff Highway, to be lett, or the Lease (being about 30 Years to come) to be sold; and a new Brick House, with a Cow-house, Stable, and Home-stall, with other Ground or without, lying in Mile-End Old Town, to be lett; and a Horse-Mill, and other Materials for Old Spanish, to be sold. Enquire at the Union Coffee-house at King Edward's Stairs in Wapping.

A Sale of fine Brocaded Silks, Furbelow'd Scarfs and Aprons, very rich, after the newest Fashion, with divers Things of Value, too tedious to insert, at 2 s. 6 d. per Ticket. The Goods to be seen at Mr. Cuthbert's, Scrivener, right-against the Rummer-Tavern, Charing Cross. Tickets to be had at Young-Man's Coffee-house, Charing-Cross; at Mr. Cuney's, Silversmith, in Panton street; at Mr. Joseph Archer's, Bookseller, in Russel-street, Covent-Garden, next Door to the Crown and Cushion Tavern; at Richard's Coffee-house, Temple-bar; at the Jamaica Coffee-house, Cornhil; at Will's Coffee-house, Scotland-yard-gate; and Salter's Coffee-house at Chelsea.

THese are to give Notice, That the Sale of Plate and other valuable Goods, at Mr. Bevan's, Undertaker, in Bloomsbury-Market, will be drawn on Friday the 25th Instant, at Mr. Hume's Dancing-School in Thrift-street near Soho. There are still a few Tickets to be disposed of at the Place aforesaid.

THE Sale of the House on Black-Heath, with the fine Laces and Linen, design'd to begin the 24th Instant, being not quite ready, will be put off to Thursday the 7th of September next, and no longer. Tickets to be had at Mr. Collison's the great Punch-house in St. Katharine's, Mr. Radford's at the Haunch of Venison without Aldgate, Mr. Dennis's Coffee-house, in Finch-lane Cornhil; and at the Bowling-Green-House on Black-Heath, where the Sale will be, at 2 s. 6 d. each Ticket. The highest Prize 220 l. the lowest 10.

IGnis Veneris: A Preparation of the Sulphur of Copper, so much recommended by those famous Philosophers, Paracelsus and Van Helmont, and so often attempted in vain by modern Chymists, is now sold at Van Helmont's Head in Fetter-Lane, London, by E. Edwards, Chymist, at 10 s. per Bottle. It alters and changes the Juices, restores the Consumptive, eases Pains in any Part of the Body, stops Fluxes and Vomitings, is good in faint Sweats, Swoonings, and Sickness at Heart, rekindles and invigorates the natural Heat, removes all Weaknesses and Indispositions; and in a Word, answers all the Designs of the most celebrated Diet-Drinks, and is in a true Sense the greatest Cordial. Dose 50 or 60 Drops in a Glass of Canary, White-Wine, Mead, Whey, or Liquorice-Tea, once or twice a Day. Note, when you take it shake the Bottle, that you may have a due Proportion of the Sulphur. To prevent Imitation, 'tis sealed with the Author's Seal, who beareth Party per Bend, Ermin and Erminois, a Lyon Rampant; his Crest a Man's Head out of a Helmet.

THE famous Cholick Water, so often published in the Gazette, well known throughout the Kingdom of Great Britain, for its speedy Relief in Cases of Wind in the Stomach; Wind Cholick, Vapours of both Kinds, Stitches, Pains in the Sides, Vomiting or Loosness, and all other Indispositions and Weakness of Stomach and Bowels, immediately digesting any Thing that offends; is continued to be sold (as it hath been these 10 Years) at Old-mans Coffee-house at Charing-cross, Richard's at Temple-bar, Alice's at the Parliament-House, and at Mr. Clark's Stationer in Burchin-lane, at 2 s. 6 d. a Bottle. 'Tis not purging but a rich Cordial, pleasant to take at any Time.

☞ The most Noble Volatile Smelling-Bottle in the World; which smell'd to, momentarily fetches the most dismal Fainting or Swooning Fits, and in a Minute removes Flushings, Vapours, Dulness, Head-Ach, Megrims, &c. It takes off all heavy Sleepiness, retards Swoonings, keeps up the Spirits to a Miracle; and by its Use admits of no Faintings, but invigorates and enlivens the whole Man, recreates and makes chearful, altho never so sad, and in a Moment raises all the sensitive Faculties. It's also to be taken inwardly by Drops, which effectually takes off and eradicates the very Cause; for it potently relieves, comforts and strengthens, the Brain, creates and corroborates a Stomach, removes Sickness from it, helps Digestion, cleanses the Blood; and in a Word, is the greatest Cephalick, Stomatick, Hepatick, and powerful Aromatick, possible: Therefore is extreamly necessary for all Gentlemen, Ladies, &c. always to be carried in their Pockets. Is only sold at Mr. King's, Picture-shop, in the Poultry, and at Mr. Overton's at the Golden-Buck, Picture-shop, against St. Dunstan's Church in Fleetstreet, at 2 s. and 6 d. each, with printed Directions.

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